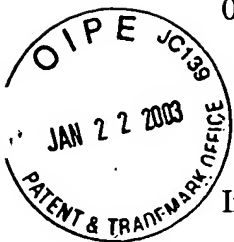


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,094,286
Japan 10-68903

Japan 10-68903 was discussed in the specification at page 2, lines 3 to 22, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein. An English-language abstract for Japan 10-68903 has been located and is also enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,094,286 is believed to be an English-language counterpart to Japan 10-68903.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the application specification, claims and drawings for the foregoing U.S. Application is enclosed.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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